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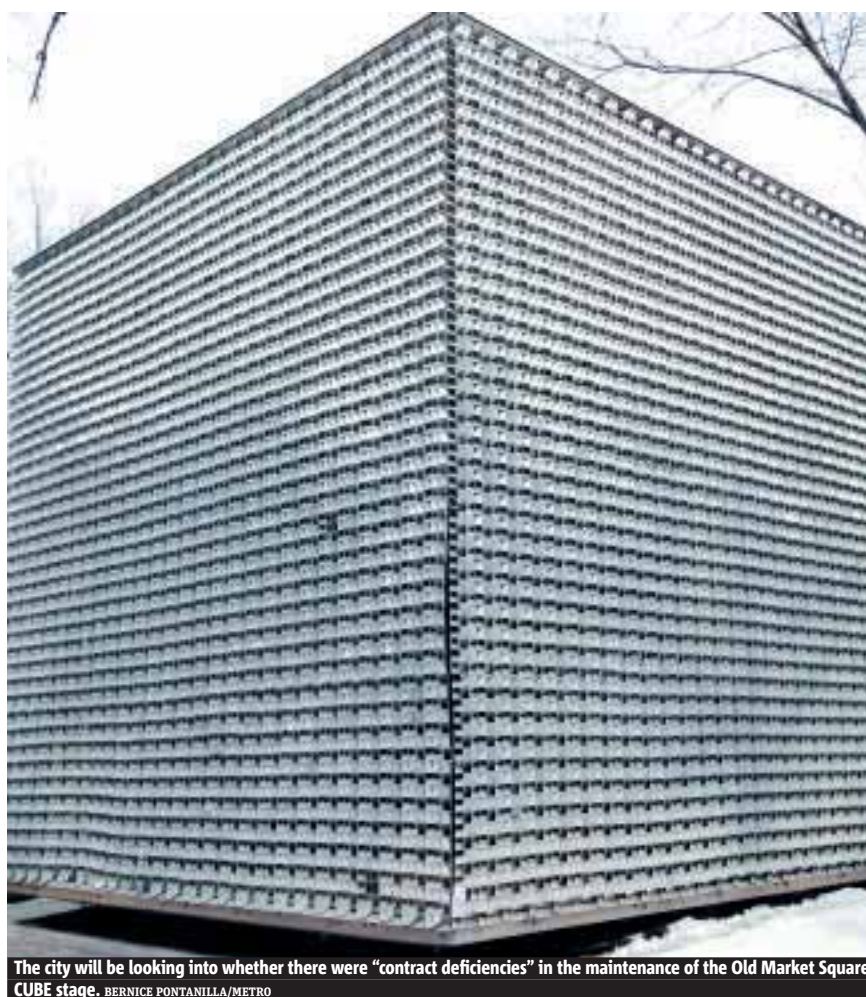
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The city will be looking into whether there were "contract deficiencies" in the maintenance of the Old Market Square CUBE stage. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

# Defunct CUBE stage gets a second glance

## Deficiencies.

Committee wants  
to see list of what  
needs fixing



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Along the target of complaints, a city committee is calling for the review of the Old Market Square CUBE stage.

The CUBE, which was built in 2010 at a cost of \$1.2 million, was meant to be an open-air performance venue that could be used all year long. However, it was shut down last summer due to problems with the metal

curtain.

Coun. Mike Pagtakhan (Point Douglas), chair of the downtown development, heritage and riverbank management committee, said it's important for the city to explore the possibility that there were "contract deficiencies" in the upkeep of the stage.

"If it is contract deficiencies, they have to pay for it," said Pagtakhan, adding he is at the end of his patience.

"We actually want it to be fully functional and I think we're going to work towards that."

The motion passed by the committee calls for city officials to "investigate and address the continual operational and contractual con-

ditions" for the CUBE.

Coun. Jenny Gerbas (Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry) defended the CUBE, saying it's been an attraction in downtown Winnipeg, especially for evening concerts.

"Obviously there were issues with the functionality that weren't expected and obviously that's a problem," she said.

The city's administration has 30 days to report back to the committee with a list of CUBE deficiencies and Pagtakhan hopes to resolve the issues by this summer or, at the latest, 2014.

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# No temporary road during underpass construction

**Plessis Road.** City finance chair says a detour would be a \$15-million waste



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The city will not build a temporary route for the portion of Plessis Road that will close for a year and a half during the construction of an underpass at Dugald Road.

Russ Wyatt, Transcona councillor and chair of the city's finance committee, said Thursday that the work would add \$15-20 million to the already \$77-million project — and doesn't make sense.

"Temporary detour construction is a huge throwaway cost, because you're building it and then removing it later," said Wyatt after a committee meeting. "The public works department feels that the existing streets ... can accommodate."

The work, expected to start

## Footing the bill

The province and the federal government will each chip in \$25 million for the Plessis Road underpass, and the city will add \$27 million.

this summer, will see a bi-directional rail bridge built just north of Dugald Road and nearly a kilometre of Plessis Road widened to four lanes.

Plessis Road will be closed between Dugald Road and Kernaghan Avenue during construction, but Dugald Road will remain open, albeit down to one lane at times, said Wyatt.

While Gertrude Boisjoli, who runs Murdock Garden Market with her husband Robert Elliott from their home just south of Dugald Road, looks forward to the underpass ending gridlock, she worries the closure might deter customers from buying her produce.

"I'm worried when people are going to buy vegetables, they're not going to take a two-mile detour."



Gertrude Boisjoli and her husband Robert Elliott, who run a garden market from their home, fear they might lose customers while the city closes a portion of Plessis Road for a year and half to build an underpass. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

## Cops not linking two taxi robberies — yet



Two cabbies were threatened and robbed Wednesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Winnipeg police are investigating to see if two taxi robberies that happened within a couple kilometres of each other and less than two hours apart late Wednesday and early Thursday are connected.

In the first robbery, two men were picked up in the 200 block of Maryland Street around 11 p.m. when one man pulled out a knife and robbed

the driver.

No one was injured. Both suspects are described as aboriginal and between 23 and 26 years old.

Then at 12:30 a.m., a man who had been picked up in the 600 block of Furby Street used a knife to demand cash from his driver near Cumberland Avenue and Langside Street.

Police said the driver re-

ceived a non-life-threatening cut while trying to protect himself, and the suspect fled with some amount of cash.

The suspect is described as aboriginal, about 25 years old, clean-shaven and with a skinny build.

Police spokesperson Cst. Jason Michalyshen said it's too soon in the investigation to formally link the robberies.

"There are certainly some similarities; location, the time-frame seems to fit, and certainly given the vague descriptors that we (were) provided, there are certainly some similarities," he told Metro. "We're going to look at any and all possibilities that they're linked, but that's not something that we can confirm at this time."

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# City teams up with Forks to determine fate of Parcel 4

**Development.** New process will avoid replay of water park debacle: Councillor



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The City of Winnipeg and The Forks Renewal Corporation have come up with a way to figure out what to do with Parcel 4 — they're going to talk about it.

The section of land that was the subject of a failed water-park proposal last year is currently being used as a surface parking lot.

On Thursday, the downtown development, heritage and riverbank management committee approved an "engagement strategy with stakeholders" to determine within a year what can be done on it.

Committee chair Coun. Mike Pagtakhan (Point Douglas) said he and fellow councillors received a lot of negative feedback from citizens during the water-park debacle.

## Process

The \$150,000 initiative, to which the city is contributing \$75,000, includes an urban design and development study as well as public input.

"We heard loud and clear, and so now we want to undergo a process that I think is very inclusive."

Asked if there would be another call for a water park on Parcel 4, Pagtakhan said it isn't a "high priority" for Winnipeggers.

Last year, Canalta development expressed interest in building a water park and hotel on Parcel 4 but withdrew its plans after public outrage.

The city was heavily criticized for not talking to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights or The Forks before the water-park plan was made public.

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Coun. Mike Pagtakhan says the city and The Forks have been given the task of coming up with guiding principles for what to do with the piece of land known as Parcel 4. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

## LOL WUT? Heavy texting linked to shallowness



A University of Winnipeg study released Thursday shows heavy teen texters are more shallow than those who text less. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

OMG: A study out of the University of Winnipeg has found a correlation between heavy texting and shallow thought among teenage students. SRSLY.

The three-year study of more than 2,300 introductory psychology students, released Thursday, shows those who texted more than 100 times a day were 30 per cent less likely to feel

strongly that leading an ethical, principled life was important to them, compared to those who kept their texting to 50 times a day or less.

The study, which tested the so-called "shallowing hypothesis" described in the Nicholas Carr bestseller *The Shallows*, also showed heavy texting was associated with higher levels of ethnic prejudice.

"The values and traits most closely associated with texting frequency are surprisingly consistent with Carr's conjecture that new information and social-media technologies may be displacing and discouraging reflective thought," said Dr. Paul Trapnell, associate professor of psychology at the U of W in a release. "We still don't know the exact cause

of these modest but consistent associations, but we think they warrant further study."

Despite the findings, the researchers concluded daily immersion in texting, Twitter and Facebook has not prevented the "digital native" generation from becoming more accepting of diversity than any previous generation. **METRO**

## Crime

### Murder charge laid in man's death at motel

Police have charged a 26-year-old New Brunswick man with second-degree murder in the death of another man in a Manitoba motel.

Const. Kirby Sarasas says police got a 911 call Wednesday night from a worker at a motel on the Trans-Canada Highway in Brandon.

Officers found a 63-year-old man, also from New Brunswick, dead in a room. They say he died of upper-body injuries.

Names have not been released, but police say the

two men were known to each other.

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## Decision

### Councillor can't return \$40K increase to ward allowance

A city councillor's attempt

to return a cash increase to her ward allowance was rejected by two committees on Thursday.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck (Charleswood-Tuxedo) first attempted to return her \$40,000 portion of the controversial \$600,000 increase to the Councillors Representation Allowance during Thursday's finance committee meeting.

Committee chair Coun. Russ Wyatt (Transcona) ruled this was a matter for the governance committee of council, which met Thursday afternoon.

Havixbeck said she was told she cannot return the money; instead she can choose to simply not spend it at the end of 2013.

"I was against (the increase) from the begin-

ning," said Havixbeck, adding that she was disappointed. "I just feel if councillors want to give it back, they should be able to give it back before the end of the year."

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## Young father. Winnipeg man, 31, makes plea for kidney on Facebook

A 31-year-old Winnipeg man living on dialysis has issued a plea on Facebook for a kidney donor.

Andrew Blacklaw's kidneys completely failed two years ago.

He is on dialysis six days a week but the transplant list currently has a five-year wait.

Doctors say he might not live that long, so he's posted a plea on Facebook to find a match.

He needs someone with an A or O blood type.

Blacklaw says his greatest fear is that he will die and leave his son without a father.

"People are being so positive and trying to help that I think that it's just a matter of time to find that right person, but I believe that I'll find it way before they'll find a donor for me," said Blacklaw.

Around 700 Manitobans are waiting for a kidney, but finding a match is tough. Only 50 transplants were performed in this province last year.

"Kidney disease is on the rise in our province due to the high rate of diabetes and hypertension," said Val Dunphy, the executive director of the Manitoba chapter of the Kidney Foundation of Canada. "The only treatments for that is dialysis or transplant. There is no cure right now."

Manitobans can pledge to be an organ donor online but so far only 7,700 people have signed up.

"If you look at in the perspective of the ratio that is still less than one per cent of the population," said Jillian Barrott of Transplant Manitoba.

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## Manitoba government. Merging offices, moving some jobs to save money

The Manitoba government is merging some government offices and moving jobs in a bid to save money.

Finance Minister Stan Struthers says the province plans to save almost \$1.5 million a year through merging some government offices and moving jobs, according to the finance minister.

One move will see four workers in the Infrastructure and Transportation Department relocated from Minnedosa to Brandon.

There's also a plan to move some Agriculture Department

### By the numbers

# \$1.5M

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workers in Treherne, Stonewall and other communities to other locations.

Struthers says the changes will not affect front-line services. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Kenny Wizz performs as Michael Jackson. HANDOUT

# Celebrating the late King of Pop

### Michael Jackson.

Moonwalk your way, in a leather jacket and sequined glove perhaps, to pay tribute to pop icon at the MTS Centre

### Quoted

"We'll always have the music and we'll always have the videos, but people get a different experience when they have something in front of them."

Kenny Wizz, a Los Angeles-born performer with 28 years experience impersonating MJ, on the stage production celebrating the life and music of the late Michael Jackson.

### Thriller on Saturday

Michael Jackson HIStory comes to the MTS Centre on Saturday. Tickets are \$99.75, \$89.50 and \$79.25 at Ticketmaster. Showtime is 8 p.m.

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Long live the King of Pop.

Michael Jackson HIStory is a touring stage production celebrating the life and music of the late American pop star.

The show features 22 of Jackson's hits performed by Kenny Wizz, a Los Angeles-born performer with 28 years experience impersonating MJ, 11 of those at the Rivi-

era Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Wizz — who's joined in HIStory by a 24-person cast and crew — said it's especially gratifying to perform for those who didn't get to see Jackson live in concert.

"We'll always have the music and we'll always have the videos, but people get a different experience when they have something in front of them," Wizz said. "You can watch one of his concerts on

video and feel that energy, but if you went to that concert, the energy level would be boosted by 1,000 per cent.

"We're not trying to fool anyone, but it's great if someone can look at me and go, 'Wow! For five seconds I thought that (was) Michael Jackson.'"

Yes, Wizz is well aware he's not Jackson. While street dancing as a young man, Wizz was told by many people that he resembled MJ

and then, just naturally, he fell into the role. Still, it's a role he takes very seriously.

"Because of the simple fact Michael isn't here anymore, I had better be spot on," Wizz said. "However, I've always taken that approach, I just find myself paying attention to even smaller details now. It used to take me 45 minutes to put on makeup in Vegas. Now it takes me two hours, because of how precise I want to be."

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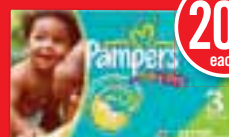
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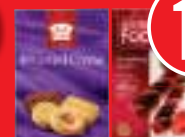
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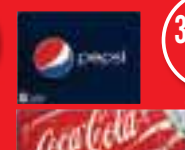
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## Thatcher's funeral grandest in decade

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Thatcher, who died Monday at the age of 87, will be given a funeral with military honours at St. Paul's

Cathedral on Wednesday.

Though not officially a state funeral, it is the grandest such service seen in Britain since the death in 2002 of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Queen Elizabeth II will be among the mourners — the first time the monarch has attended a prime minister's funeral since the death of Winston Churchill in 1965.

A representative of Nelson Mandela — whom Thatcher once called a terrorist — has also been invited.

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## Guatemala

## Four dead, 96 ill due to food poisoning

Authorities in Guatemala say four people have died and 96 others have been hospitalized for food poisoning in a town west of the Central American nation's capital.

The fire department said the victims include children who ate fruit and vegetables that weren't properly cleaned. A doctor at one of the hospitals said

Thursday that medical exams show the deaths were caused by E. coli bacteria.

Jose Morales, head doctor at the town's health centre, told The Associated Press that dozens of people have been treated there.

Two of Julio Gervacio Rac's children died, and his wife and three other children are still at the hospital. He said the family dined Wednesday night on broccoli and eggs purchased from a local market.

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## Texas college stabbing

## Documents depict accused as a would-be Hannibal Lecter

A man accused of a mass stabbing at a Texas college told investigators that he had fantasized about cannibalism and necrophilia and about cutting off people's faces and wearing them as masks, according to a court document released Thursday.

Dylan Quick also told an investigator that he had re-

searched mass stabbings on his computer about a week before Tuesday's attack at Lone Star College, according to a search warrant affidavit.

"He stated that he had read numerous books about mass killings and serial killers," the affidavit said.

Quick is being held on three counts of aggravated assault for Tuesday's attack that injured 14.

The affidavit stated a "Hannibal Lecter Mask" and an animal dissection kit were seized from his home.

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# Baird not sorry for meeting on disputed land

**Jerusalem.** Palestinian Liberation Organization fears minister has set a 'dangerous precedent'

About what, not where



"I'm not interested in getting into the semantic argument about whether you have a meeting ... on one side of the street (or another)."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says he did not cross a line by holding a meeting with Israel's justice minister in her East Jerusalem office.

Baird met Tuesday with Tzipi Livni across the Green Line in disputed territory, which the Palestinians and the UN consider occupied land.

Baird says where he has coffee with someone is "irrelevant" to the larger discussion of Middle East peace and does not signal a shift in Canadian foreign policy.

"We're focused on trying to have an impact on the difficult and serious challenges, that being security for Israelis, an end to the

conflict and the legitimate aspirations for a state from those in the Palestinian side," he said during a news conference in London, following a meeting of G8 foreign ministers.

Previous Canadian government ministers have avoided crossing into East Jerusalem with Israeli officials as a matter of principle and practice.

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## Jolie and the G8 supporting the 'forgotten victims' of war

Angelina Jolie brought her celebrity wattage to London on Thursday to back an urgent cause: fighting sexual violence in military conflicts. The Hollywood star joined British Foreign Secretary William Hague in announcing \$36 million in additional funding from G8 nations to go toward preventing sexual violence and ensuring justice for its survivors. For too long, Jolie said, survivors of sexual violence have been "the forgotten victims" of wars in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. "Today, I believe that their voices have been heard," she said, alongside Hague, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and others at a meeting of foreign ministers from G8 nations. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL

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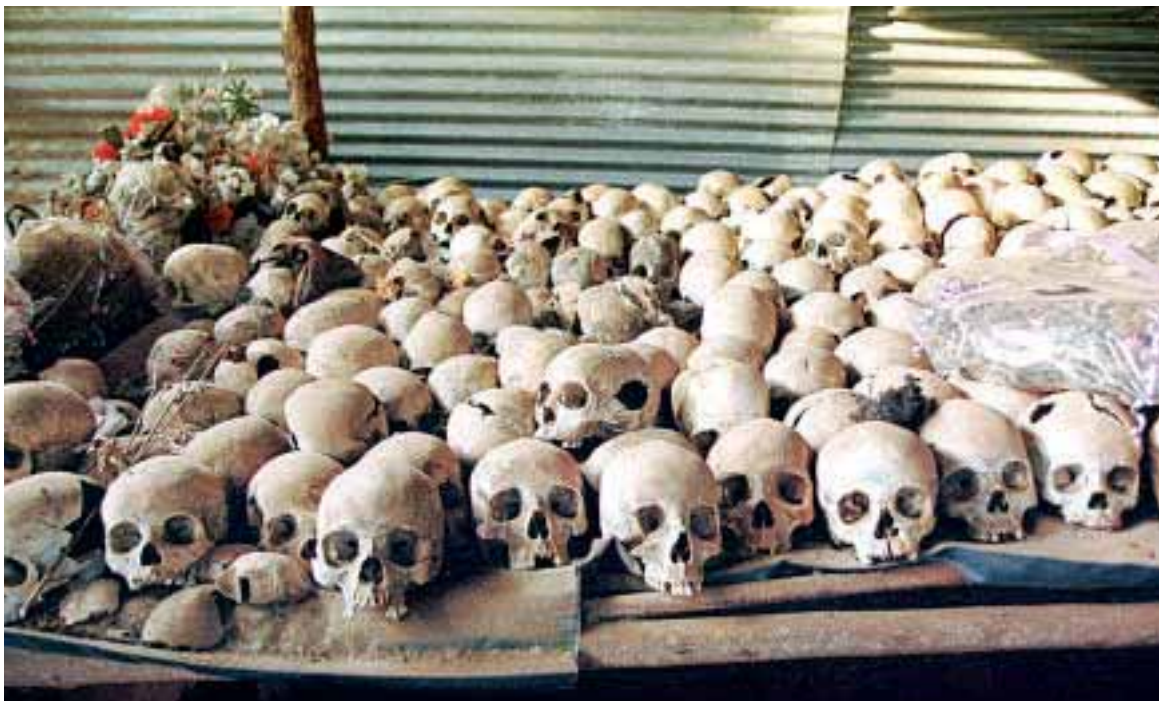
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Skulls lie on display at the Ntarama Genocide Memorial, which occupies a former Catholic church just south of Kigali, Rwanda. About 5,500 people were killed here during the April 1994 genocide after seeking refuge in the church. Hatebase tracks hate speech in the hope of preventing similar genocides. THOMAS SWIJC/KTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## HATEBASE AIMS TO PREVENT GENOCIDE BY TRACKING HATE SPEECH



JESSICA SMITH  
Metro in Toronto

A Toronto-based non-governmental organization is tracking the use of hate speech around the world, hoping to help stop genocide before it starts.

The Sentinel Project recently launched Hatebase, a wiki-style website that asks the public to contribute to a multi-lingual dictionary of hateful words and to log incidents in which those words are used.

The Hatebase API allows users — potentially governments and NGOs — to map out and chart localized spikes and trends in hate speech in real time.

Spikes in hate speech,

when combined with other knowledge about tensions in a region, can be an early warning sign of violence, or of violence escalating to genocide, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with The Sentinel Project.

“When we start layering in hate speech, that gives us an indication — when it’s spiking over time — that tensions are rising,” he said.

For example, in Rwanda in the 1990s “inyenzi,” meaning “cockroach,” was a derogatory term for the Tutsi that escalated in use before the genocide, with radio announcers ultimately calling on people to exterminate the cockroach.

While the Sentinel Project focuses on preventing genocide, the upsurge in hateful

### What’s in a word?

**“Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself.”**

Timothy Quinn, Sentinel Project

language can also indicate other violence that doesn’t necessarily amount to genocide.

“God knows, there’s a lot that can happen before then that certainly warrants monitoring and intervention,” Quinn said.

Defining hate speech, however, isn’t easy.

“Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than

the word itself,” Quinn said. “There are some words that might have a benign meaning in some contexts, but in other contexts have a very malignant intent.”

For example, without a deeper knowledge of the region, the use of “cockroach” in Rwanda in the ‘90s could be attributed to a cockroach infestation, instead of a brewing genocide.

The Hatebase dictionary is growing as more people with important knowledge about the world are beginning to use it, Quinn said.

“The spread of our users is global,” he said. “We’re starting to get a lot of very localized slurs, which we didn’t have before.”

### Resolving issues with user-generated content

Relying on user-generated content isn’t without its problems, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with the Sentinel Project. Hatebase has attracted some people with political agendas who have started arguing over words and definitions that likely have very little value for organizations

concerned about genocide.

“I’ve had a couple of Nazis that are pissed off at me. I’ve got a group of anti-feminists that are pissed off that we removed a word we didn’t think was hate speech,” Quinn said.

For example, some recent additions to the Hatebase wiki,

such as “patriarchy,” “cis male” and “white privilege,” are found in academic language commonly used in women’s studies. If those words were a sign of genocide, university campuses would be very scary places.

Fortunately, Hatebase can distinguish what inputs are rel-

evant and doesn’t bother with anything that doesn’t relate to an area of concern, Quinn said. “Some of it is meaningful and some of it is not. Funny enough, the stuff of dubious value is the stuff people fight about the most,” he said.

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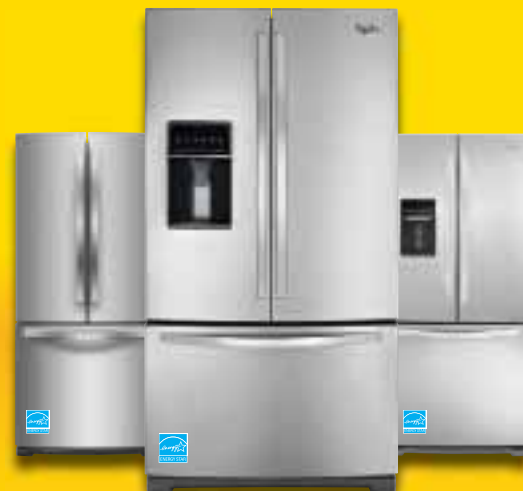
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# Supreme Court refuses to hear oilsands appeal

**Mine expansion.** 'We will not find access to justice within Alberta': First Nations chief

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's bid to block a ruling on Shell's Jackpine oilsands mine expansion in northern Alberta.

The First Nation wanted a regulatory board to rule on whether the band had been adequately consulted before the board decided whether the Shell project could get the greenlight as planned.

The board said governments should determine

how much consultation is adequate. The Alberta Court of Appeal agreed and the high court has refused to hear an appeal of that decision.

"We are truly disappointed with this decision as we have diligently proceeded through legal avenues to have our rights upheld," Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam said in a statement.

"We understand that this joint review panel was supposed to uphold everyone's constitutional rights. Why has there been an exception with regards to First Nations' consultation rights? Government must be held accountable to their treaty obligations."

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## Tory crime agenda

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a pair of cases involving elements of the Harper government's "tough-on-crime" agenda.

- The first involves three prisoners sentenced before the passage of a 2011 law that toughened parole conditions, who argue they should have been treated under the old law.
- The second deals with a lower-court judge who credited an offender with 1.5 days for each day in detention before sentencing.

## Abandon ships. Harper urged to scrap plans for Arctic patrol vessels

A new report by two independent think-tanks recommends the Harper government abandon its pet project to construct Arctic patrol ships for the navy.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Rideau Institute say the \$4.3-billion plan has been watered down to the point where it no longer makes much sense, and the country would be better served building high-speed navy cutters and civilian icebreakers.

The Conservatives promised the Arctic warships during

the 2006 election campaign, saying once in government they would build three heavily armed icebreakers to enforce Canadian sovereignty in the North.

In 2007, the plan changed to up to eight light "ice capable" ships, including a major refuelling station in Nanisivik, Nunavut.

The report concludes the ships, as currently configured, will be too slow, too unstable and too lightly armed.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is escorted by naval officers prior to making an announcement of the construction of up to eight Polar Class 5 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships at CFB Esquimalt in Victoria in 2007.

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## Twitter's Most Wanted

### Police using social media to catch 'The Vaulteer'

Police from across Canada are joining forces to use social media to try to catch what they are calling one of the country's most notorious bank robbers, nicknamed "The Vaulteer."

It comes from the way the suspect jumps over counters, and police have connected him to as many as 17 bank robberies over a three-year period.

Investigators with police forces in Calgary, Ottawa, Hamilton, and Peel and York regions near Toronto have taken to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Pinterest to get images of the serial robber to the public.

It's hoped the campaign will give people an opportunity to view surveillance images and video captured during the robberies.

The Canadian Bankers Association has offered a \$20,000 reward for anyone providing information that will ultimately lead to an arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# U.S. Senate rejects effort to block gun-control bill

**68-31.** 50 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents opposed; 29 Republicans, 2 Democrats supported

Gun-control supporters in the U.S. Senate won the first showdown over how to respond to the December school shootings in Connecticut, defeating an effort by conservatives to derail firearms restrictions before debate could even start.

The 68-31 vote on Thursday gave an early burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers to push fresh but modest gun curbs through Congress. The National Rifle Association, the top gun advocacy group, along with many Republicans and some moderate Democrats, say the proposals go too far.

The road to congressional approval of major restrictions remains difficult, particularly in the Republican-led House of Representatives, where there is



Volunteers place more than 3,300 crosses, Stars of David and other religious symbols on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Thursday to remember those affected by gun violence. Clergy from Newtown, Conn., and others will begin a 24-hour vigil to urge Congress to pass tougher gun laws. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

strong opposition.

The vote came four months after a gunman killed 20 young children and six staffers at a Connecticut school.

Expanded background checks of gun purchasers are at the core of the latest Democrat-led gun-control drive. Other top proposals — including bans on

assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — will be offered as amendments during Senate debate but seem destined for defeat.

Background checks currently apply only to transactions handled by the country's 55,000 licensed gun dealers. Advocates of expanding the system say

too many sales — the exact proportion is unknown — escape the checks, which are supposed to keep weapons from going to criminals, the seriously mentally ill and others.

"The hard work starts now," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said after the vote. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## U.S. immigration bill moving, thanks to farmers

Agriculture growers have signed off on the major elements of a new program to bring farm workers to the U.S., a key senator said Thursday, moving a major immigration bill a step closer to passage.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said the growers

have agreed on wages and numbers of visas in the new program, which would allow tens of thousands of farm workers into the country. Those were the big sticking points between the industry and the United Farm Workers.

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### Quoted

**"We have a deal on wage and cap. There are still things that they're going over with respect to worker protections, which are in the bill."**

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, on nearing the final goal of the program: to secure the border, create a path to citizenship for 11 million people now living illegally in the U.S., and require employers to electronically verify the legal status of their workers

## Expats. Canucks in S. Korea unfazed by nuclear threats

North Korea's latest threat of a missile attack against its southern neighbour is not rattling Canadians living and working in South Korea, who say Pyongyang's war talk is nothing new.

Andrei Cherwinski, 29, an English teacher on his third contract in South Korea, said nobody is taking the threat seriously. "Everybody's still going to work, everybody's still going out on the town, nobody is concerned," said Cherwinski, who is from Ottawa but now calls Seoul home.

Tensions in the Korean Peninsula continued to rise on Thursday as North Korea hinted at a missile launch, claiming it had "powerful striking means" on standby.

"I kind of follow the people around me, how everybody acts. I don't see people getting



A North Korean soldier keeps watch on a boat on Wednesday near the North Korean town of Sinuiju.

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upset," said Andrew Sachs, 28, who is from Haliburton, Ont.

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### New report

**Spending on drugs grows at slowest rate in 16 years**

A new report suggests spending on prescription drugs in Canada continues to grow, but at the slowest rate in 16 years.

The slowed growth is said to be because patents expired for several drugs, which meant people could buy cheaper generic versions. The report says Canadians spent \$33 billion on drugs in 2012, or an average of \$947 per person. The report, from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, says drugs continue to make up the second-largest share of health spending, after hospitals, ahead of the cost of doctors' salaries.

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### Navigating bureaucracy

**Veterans groups offer guidance on benefits**

Two independent organizations are stepping forward to help disabled veterans navigate the maze of federal government benefits, claims and appeals.

The Royal Canadian Legion and Wounded Warriors Canada announced the partnership Thursday, saying their goal is to better connect ex-soldiers and their families with available programs. The organizations will also provide professional counselling and free representation services at all stages of the disability-claim process, up to and including challenges before the Veterans Review and Appeals Board. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## 'White-hat' hackers. Students get real-world cyber-security training

Every week, a group of teens and 20-somethings gets together on a college campus, turn up music and begin hacking into computer networks.

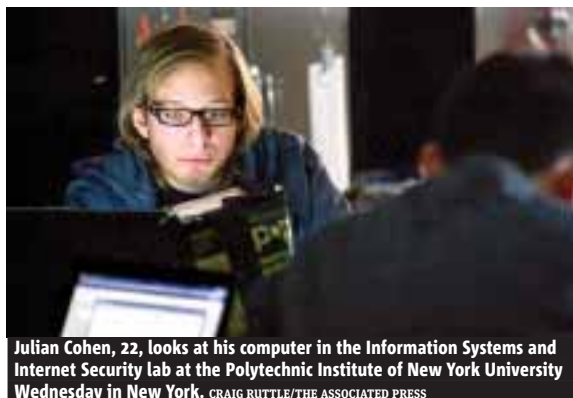
But they're not criminals: They're students training to become "white-hat" hackers, experts that help business and government agencies protect their data from cyber-attacks.

Since actual hacking is illegal, students can't just sneak

into a webpage and poke around. So industry experts and professors collaborate to create exercises that expose them to real-world hacking scenarios.

"Becoming good at security involves doing these challenges, exercises that put you in the context even if it's artificial and made up," says NYU-Poly professor Nasir Memon.

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Julian Cohen, 22, looks at his computer in the Information Systems and Internet Security lab at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University Wednesday in New York. CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Fox site pulls Coulter column

**No laughing matter.**  
Conservative  
commentator told  
to 'get a life' after  
remark about shooting  
senator's daughter

The Fox Nation website has removed a column by Ann Coulter because it had a reference to killing the daughter of Sen. John McCain.

Coulter wrote about how MSNBC's Martin Bashir suggested Republican senators wouldn't support gun-control legislation until a member of their family was killed. She wrote: "Let's start with Meghan McCain!"

In response, McCain's mother, Cindy, tweeted that "Ann Coulter needs to get a life!"

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Ann Coulter gestures while speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington on Feb. 10, 2012. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Hate crime

## 2 arrested in U.K. for assault on 'emo' teen

British police say they have arrested two people over an assault on an "emo" teenage boy — the first to be recorded in the country as an alternative-subculture hate crime.

Short for "emotional punk," the term refers to a style of rock music and associated fashion.

Greater Manchester Police said they detained a 14-year-old boy and a 44-year-old man after receiving reports that a 16-year-old boy who described himself as an "emo" was assaulted.

The police force said last week they would begin recording offences against members of "goths, emos, punks and metallers" in the same way they do attacks based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

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# Vigil remembers Rehtaeh Parsons

**Halifax.** N.S. premier says he hopes measures aimed at improving mental health services, policing and education will be rolled out soon

People filled a park in Halifax on Thursday night to remember Rehtaeh Parsons, holding candles and burning incense as native drummers played a drum song dedicated to the 17-year-old girl.

Many held photocopied pictures of Rehtaeh on a sunny evening as dusk fell. A native elder read a prayer: "We pray for an end to violence against young women and girls."

A number of politicians attended the vigil, including Premier Darrell Dexter and Halifax Mayor Mike Savage.

The girl's family says Rehtaeh hanged herself last week and was later taken off life-support following months of bullying after she was sexually assaulted by four boys and a photo of the alleged incident was distributed.

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons appealed for a reasoned response to Rehtaeh's death. "My family asks people not to respond with violence and aggression to this terrible tragedy," she told the crowd through tears. "We are coming together in memory of Rehtaeh.... To celebrate her life."

The RCMP have said they are aware of reports that some are suggesting harm against people involved in the investigation.

Earlier Thursday, Dexter told the legislature he wanted a timely response to satisfy the



Several hundred people attend a community vigil to remember Rehtaeh Parsons at Victoria Park in Halifax on Thursday. Family say she ended her life following months of bullying after an alleged sexual assault. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Remembering Rehtaeh

**"She was a remarkable young woman."**

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons

public's concerns about Rehtaeh's case.

"I will do everything in my power to create a community that is better equipped to prevent these situations, rather than a community that struggles to find a way to deal with them," Dexter said.

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## Beyond bullying

**PM responds**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's time to stop using the word bullying to describe what's alleged to have happened to Rehtaeh.

He says what has been described in this case is criminal. "It is youth criminal activity. It is violent criminal activity. It is sexual criminal activity and it is often Inter-

net criminal activity."

He told reporters he was shocked and saddened by the death, especially since he and his wife Laureen are parents of a teenage girl themselves.

Harper says the federal government will do what it can to encourage anti-bullying strategies and he is encouraged by the actions being taken by the province.

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## Cyberbullying. Action, dialogue critical: Experts

With digital technology and social media increasingly used by bullies to taunt their targets, it's never been easier for harmful messages and images aimed at tormenting victims to be spread to the masses.

While some youth may be unsure of how to stop the chain of cyberbullying, experts say that simply remaining idle is not the answer.

"If a child receives a photo circulated through social media there are many things that he or she can do. Perhaps

the most important thing is to let someone know and not be part of the problem, but part of the solution," said Debra Pepler, scientific co-director of PREVNet, a national authority on research and resources for bullying prevention.

"Being part of the problem is sending that on to other people, writing derisive comments about it; in some way joining the bullying rather than indicating dissatisfaction and displeasure with it."

PREVNet (Promoting Re-

lationships and Eliminating Violence Network) has several tips on its website geared towards teens on how to deal with cyberbullying.

Among them: talk to a trusted adult; "pause and think" before sending messages; don't ignore instincts when seeing or receiving messages which seem aggressive or over the line; and let the sender of an offending message know you're not OK with cyberbullying. Teens are also advised to make a copy of the



Amanda Todd posted a video before committing suicide as a result of cyberbullying. YOUTUBE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

message before deleting it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Millionaire artist faces sex charges

**Civil suits.** Eccentric has already settled lawsuits involving teenagers who alleged he paid them for sex

A Texas grand jury has indicted eccentric millionaire and artist Stanley Marsh 3 on charges that he sexually assaulted six teenagers, according to documents.

Marsh, 75, was indicted Wednesday on four counts of sexual assault of a child, eight counts of sexual performance by a child, and two counts of indecency with a child. If convicted, Marsh, the son of an oil tycoon, faces up to 20 years in prison and fines of up to \$10,000 on each count.

The allegations date to before Marsh suffered a massive stroke in 2011. Marsh has been free on bond since he turned himself in on a



Stanley Marsh 3 is booked into a Texas detention centre in this November file photo. A Texas grand jury has indicted the eccentric millionaire artist on sexual assault charges. AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

November arrest warrant.

A statement from his lawyers noted the accusers had filed civil suits "seeking millions of dollars" and that they had waited to come forward until after Marsh's stroke.

The civil suits alleged Marsh gave teenage boys cash, alcohol, drugs and in one case, two BMWs, to perform sex acts with him during secret encounters at his office. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Rockefeller impostor. Found guilty of murder

A German immigrant who spent decades posing as an heir to the Rockefeller fortune and using other identities was found guilty of first-degree murder in the death of a man whose bones were found buried nearly 20 years ago in suburban Los Angeles. Christian Gerhartsreiter, 52, was convicted Wednesday in the case that went to trial 28 years after the disappearance of newlyweds John and Linda Sohus. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Christian Gerhartsreiter sits with his attorney as a verdict was reached in Los Angeles Wednesday. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE, WALTER MANCINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Breaking Bad. Break-in suspect arrested again

An Albuquerque man accused of breaking into Breaking Bad actor Bryan Cranston's car late last year and stealing a script has been arrested again.

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office records show that 29-year-old Xavier McAfee was arrested Wednesday on another count of auto burglary.

Deputies arrested McAfee last month on suspicion of breaking into Cranston's car

in December and stealing an iPad, a shoulder bag and miscellaneous personal things.

The award-winning AMC TV series is set in Albuquerque and is filming its fifth and final season in and around the city. Breaking Bad follows Cranston's character, Walter White, producing and selling methamphetamine with a former student played by Aaron Paul. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Lawsuit

## Jury weighs case of actress who sued over age

A federal jury in Seattle is deliberating the case of a little-known actress who sued Amazon.com and its Internet Movie Database for revealing her age.

Huong Hoang goes by the stage name Junie Hoang and has appeared in such films as Gingerdead



Junie Hoang  
IMDB

Man 3: Saturday Night Cleaver and Hoodrats 2: Hoodrat Warriors.

The 41-year-old says offers for

roles dried up after the online database mined her account information to learn her true age. She sued for breach of contract. IMDb has argued that it has a First Amendment right to publish accurate information and Hoang can't prove she lost any money because of it.

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### Japanese auto producers issue recall over airbags

Honda, Toyota and Nissan are recalling more than three million vehicles globally, including some 200,000 in Canada, for an identical problem with airbags on the passenger side whose inflator may burst, sending plastic pieces flying.

Toyota said it had received five reports of airbag problems, three in the U.S. and two in Japan, but there have been no injuries.

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## StatsCan report

### New house prices rise 0.2%

Statistics Canada says its new housing price index rose 0.2 per cent in February, following a 0.1 per cent increase in January.

The agency says Calgary was the top contributor to the advance, up one per cent from January — the biggest month-to-month increase in that region since May 2007.

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## Market Minute



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Gord Nixon, president and CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, speaks to reporters in Calgary in this Feb. 28 photo. The bank is making a public apology to workers affected by a controversial outsourcing arrangement. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# RBC apologizes for outsourcing mess

**Mea culpa.** Bank is publishing letter in response to furor over treatment of IT workers

Royal Bank's top executive apologized Thursday to the workers who are being affected by the bank's outsourcing arrangement with a foreign company, saying RBC should have been more sensitive and helpful to them.

The apology follows a backlash against the bank after some of its Canadian information technology workers complained they were being replaced by foreign workers working for a company contracted by RBC.

Chief executive Gord Nixon said in an open letter, to be published in Friday newspapers, that the bank is also

reviewing its supplier arrangements and policies to balance its desire to be a successful business and a "leading corporate citizen."

He repeated assurances that all of the affected workers — about 45 people — will be offered comparable job opportunities at the bank, which is Canada's largest bank by assets.

"RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be," Nixon said in a letter distributed Thursday afternoon.

"While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require — it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart."

## Foreign worker program

- The rapid growth of the temporary foreign worker program has raised concerns that Canadian companies are filling job vacancies with cheaper workers from overseas rather than actively finding Canadians to fill the jobs.

He also committed to a review of the bank's supplier agreements and to keep its call centres that support the bank's domestic and U.S. business in Canada.

In earlier statements and an interview that Nixon gave to CBC, the bank had said it expected and believed that its outsourcing supplier had complied with all relevant Canadian rules.

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## Austria. Police arrest man in Red Bull blackmail case

Austrian police have arrested a man suspected of blackmailing Red Bull by threatening to place cans of its energy drink contaminated with feces on supermarket shelves.

Police officials cited at a Salzburg news conference by the Austria Press Agency say the unidentified 47-year-old suspect was arrested Wednesday after he showed up for a payoff in the Lower Austrian town of Moedling.

Thursday's report didn't say how much the suspected blackmailer was demanding, or give other details.

An official answering the telephone at Salzburg police headquarters confirmed the arrest. The threats started coming in February by mail and email. Spot checks of stores across Austria showed no trace of tampering with the company's product.

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## E-commerce. MasterCard launches digital wallet

For those who hate the tedious process of filling out billing and shipping information every time they make an online purchase, MasterCard is rolling out a digital wallet product called MasterPass, which works on computers, tablets and smartphones.

When completing a purchase and clicking on MasterPass, users just need to provide a password. If they've saved multiple credit cards



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# CELEBS AS NEVER SEEN BEFORE

**1 Good Turn Week.** Scouts Canada is challenging Canadians to do a simple act of kindness — or two — each week, starting with Good Turn Week, April 13 to 21. Share your good deeds by submitting them on [scouts.ca/goodturn](http://scouts.ca/goodturn), which will encourage others to pay it forward. If you're reading this now while on public transit, why not consider giving up your seat to someone?

**2 Const. Brendan Power.** This Edmonton police constable's tweets @CstPower are awesome: "Note to self: Make sure step isn't icy, then kick door. #OhTheShame." "Guy snatches his 40km/h over ticket and crumples it up. Ouch. Dagger, right to my heart..." And "Fraud call. You'd think a man and woman pushing a baby stroller would make for a slow get away. Not so much. #UrbanNinjas." No surprise he has almost 5,000 followers.

**3 #nowthatchersdead.** This hashtag caused some mighty confusion on Twitter this week. It was referring to Margaret Thatcher's death (now Thatcher's dead) but many read it as 'now that Cher's dead' and tributes began to pour in for the pop star. Twitter may need to start allowing for apostrophes, spaces and Dummy 101 manuals in their hashtags.

**4 Rihanna's hockey jersey.** The music superstar made Ottawa Senators hockey jerseys look super hot after posting a picture of herself on social media wearing nothing but that jersey. Watch for Sens jersey sales to pick up now, and even more so if she wears it onstage during her stop in Ottawa May 2 during her Diamonds tour.



THE METRO LIST  
**Neil Morton**

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**5 Davis Cup Canada.** Ace! Canada advanced to the final 4 of tennis in the Davis Cup by defeating Italy in the quarter-final, cementing things with a win by Milos Raonic. This is the first time Canada has advanced to the world group semifinals in the modern era. I haven't been this excited about Canadian tennis since winning an U14 tennis tourney at Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville, Ont., in the '80s.

**6 McDonald's.** With youth unemployment almost double the national average, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada did their part to fry that by saying they'd hire 6,000 people — most of them youth — during their third-annual National Hiring Day April 11 at franchises across the country. Talk about a Big Mac attack on unemployment.

**7 Celebrity close-up.** The tumblr account [celebritycloseup.tumblr.com](http://celebritycloseup.tumblr.com) takes you as close to your fave celebs as you'll ever get, getting way up close to their faces. You get to see every pore, wrinkle, blemish, acne and nose hair on the likes of James Franco, Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry, Harry Styles and Miley Cyrus — proving once again that stars really are just like us. Except they're rich and famous.

**8 @1890probs.** If you thought your life was difficult, check out the Twitter account @1890probs, which tweets gems like "Turned 19 today. Too old to marry and have kids." "Gets whooping cough. Whole village dies." "I wish I could see my

boyfriend more often, but he lives 20 miles away," and "Wardrobe malfunction.. Everyone saw my ankles." Follow it.

**9 Oprah hits Canada again.** Oprah's love fest with Canada continues. After her west coast speaking tour in January, she hit Ottawa and Montreal this week, and then Steeltown Saturday night, where one of Canada's best interviewers — George Stroumbouloupoulos (who just landed a summer series on CNN!) — will moderate a conversation with her at Copps Coliseum. Oprah and Strombo, what's not to love?

**10 Led Zeppelin.** If you're a Led Zeppelin fan — who isn't? — then next Monday is your day. That's the day the illustrated digital book *Led Zeppelin: Sound And Fury* by acclaimed rock photographer Neal Preston is released exclusively on the iBook store, taking you backstage with the band. I'll be listening to Stairway to Heaven on repeat while I watch it.

**11 Louisville tattoo.** With Louisville rallying behind guard Kevin Ware, who had suffered that horrific leg injury earlier in the tourney, this team of destiny defeated Michigan Monday night in a fantastic NCAA championship final 82-76. And now their coach Rick Pitino has to get a tattoo, which he promised the team he would if they won. I suggest "WARE LOUISVILLE."

**12 Dragons' Den.** In a special season finale April 14 on CBC, viewers get to go outside the den and right into the private lives of the famous dragons. We get to see how they multi-task their business empires with their jam-packed red carpet schedules and personal lives. I expect to see some semblance of Kevin O'Leary's soft side. Or not.

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## ZOOM



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## Darwin's back

### Species is evolutionary snapshot in action

This image provided by Lee R. Berger and the University of the Witwatersrand shows a reconstruction of the skeleton of *Australopithecus sediba*, centre, next to a small-bodied modern human female, left, and a male chimpanzee.

The newly-studied species lived some two million years ago, and it both climbed in trees and walked upright. Scientists are getting a more comprehensive look at the extinct South African creature with an intriguing mix of human-like and primitive traits, but scientists say they still haven't pinned down where it fits on our evolutionary family tree. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Put your best foot forward

- When people walk, they strike the ground with the heel first. But that would be disastrous for *A. sediba*'s narrow heel bone, so, instead, the creature struck the ground first with the outside of the foot, the authors propose.

### Quoted

"I didn't think you could have this combination, that hand with that pelvis with that foot ... yet, there it is." Jeremy DeSilva of Boston University

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'Weird Twitter' is a crew of very funny users loosely connected by a taste for high concept, non-sequitur jokes and a shared disdain of the term 'weird Twitter.' Dip your toe in by following these:

### @boring\_as\_heck:

A Vancouverite who just might be the most worthwhile follow on Twitter. "Well time to pay \$13 go see a labor of love that cost millions of dollars. But first, I'll pay \$14 for a large bag of corn and a sugar water."

### @cool\_pond:

A master tormenter of corporate Twitter accounts, most of whom seem happy to play along. "@Arbys I'm locked in the bathroom and the employees are locked in the other bathroom."

### @\_MichaelJordan:

No, it's not actually Michael Jordan. It's an even better, slightly ad-libbed version consistently amazed by the simplest things. "Accidentally signed a check Michael Jordan but they still took it. I'm just always thinking about jumping."



### Letters

myself silly.

When I got home, I shared the article with my husband and he laughed so hard, too.

I have no doubt the script from the real PMO's office would read much the same, almost word for word, if a meteor were on its way.

Thanks for a thoughtful and hilarious article.

**A.J. Brooks, Calgary, Alta.**

**RE: Earth to PMO: We're Doomed, published April 4**

I wanted to tell you that I really enjoy reading your paper in Calgary.

In the April 4 edition of Metro news Calgary the article, Earth to PMO: We're doomed by John Mazerolle, was so funny I laughed

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## An Open Letter to Canadians

RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be.

The recent debate about an outsourcing arrangement for some technology services has raised important questions.

While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require - it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart.

Despite our best efforts, we don't always meet everyone's expectations, and when we get it wrong you are quick to tell us. You have my assurance that I'm listening and we are making the following commitments.

First, I want to apologize to the employees affected by this outsourcing arrangement as we should have been more sensitive and helpful to them. All will be offered comparable job opportunities within the bank.

Second, we are reviewing our supplier arrangements and policies with a continued focus on Canadian jobs and prosperity, balancing our desire to be both a successful business and a leading corporate citizen.

Third, our Canadian client call centres are located in Canada and support our domestic and our U.S. business, and they will remain in Canada.

Fourth, we are preparing a new initiative aimed at helping young people gain an important first work experience in our company, which we will announce in the weeks ahead.

RBC proudly employs over 57,000 people in Canada. Over the last four years, despite a challenging global economy, we added almost 3,000 full-time jobs in Canada. We also hire over 2,000 youth in Canada each year and we support thousands more jobs through the purchases we make from Canadian suppliers. As we continue to grow, so will the number of jobs for Canadians.

RBC opened for business in 1864 and we have worked hard since then to earn the confidence and support of the community. Today, we remain every bit as committed to earning the right to be our clients' first choice, providing rewarding careers for our employees, delivering returns to shareholders who invest with us, and supporting the communities in which we are privileged to operate.

I'd like to close by thanking our employees, clients, shareholders and community partners for your input and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gord Nixon'.

Gord Nixon  
President and Chief Executive Officer,  
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## Synopsis

42 covers roughly two years in Jackie Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) life, the period in which he went from unknown minor league player to the man who broke the colour barrier in professional baseball. In 1947 there were 400 players in Major League Baseball, 399 white team members and Robinson. Recruited by Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the first baseman withstood racism from teammates, fans and opposing players to become an icon of the game and civil rights movement.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

## Reel Guys

## RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Chadwick Boseman plays Jackie Robinson in 42. HANDOUT

# Field of equal dreams

**42.** The realities of 1940s racism aren't toned down in this Jackie Robinson biopic

**Richard:** Mark, I liked this movie. It's an old-fashioned Hollywood biopic, and I think as that it works well, but I can't start any conversation about the movie without mentioning Harrison Ford's performance. He's the gruff old coot Branch Rickey and Harrison brings him to life with cigar and eyebrow acting, hurumphing his way through the role in an entertaining, but decidedly hammy fashion. What did you make of his performance?

**Mark:** Richard, there is no movie WITHOUT Harrison Ford. Everyone else is pretty one dimensional, good or evil, including Robinson himself. But Ford brings a little craziness to a very sober biopic. Rickey's a hard guy to figure out, which is good. Is he just a savvy businessman, as he claims? A closet idealist? An egomaniac looking to claim a place in the history books? Ford always keeps us guessing, which is more than the rest of the movie does. I liked the movie, but really, when the bad guys are redneck racists in the 1940s it's like shooting catfish in a barrel.

**RC:** I liked Ford too but you take those eyebrows away

and there's not a whole lot left to that character. 42 is a melodramatic Hollywood biopic with one big moment after the next buoyed by a swelling soundtrack and loads of stock characters, but writer/director Brian Helgeland doesn't shy away from the harder edged aspects of the story. He tackles the racism Robinson was greeted with head on and it is often uncomfortable to watch.

**MB:** All too true, and you just can't believe that kind of overt racism occurred only 70 years ago. But, oh, that soundtrack! Stop telling me how to feel; I feel it already! By the way, I thought

Chris Meloni played an interesting character, a flawed human being with a good essence. I wish he had been in the movie more. And the film had a nice sense of time and place. But although Robinson himself is a hero, he's forced by history to be a bit of a bore, which is not good for the movie.

**RC:** I thought Chadwick Boseman showed some of the tenacity, talent and strength of character that made Robinson a legend.

**MB:** He was excellent at conveying Robinson's noble purpose. But you know what they say about the Bible: it's the Devil that has the best part!

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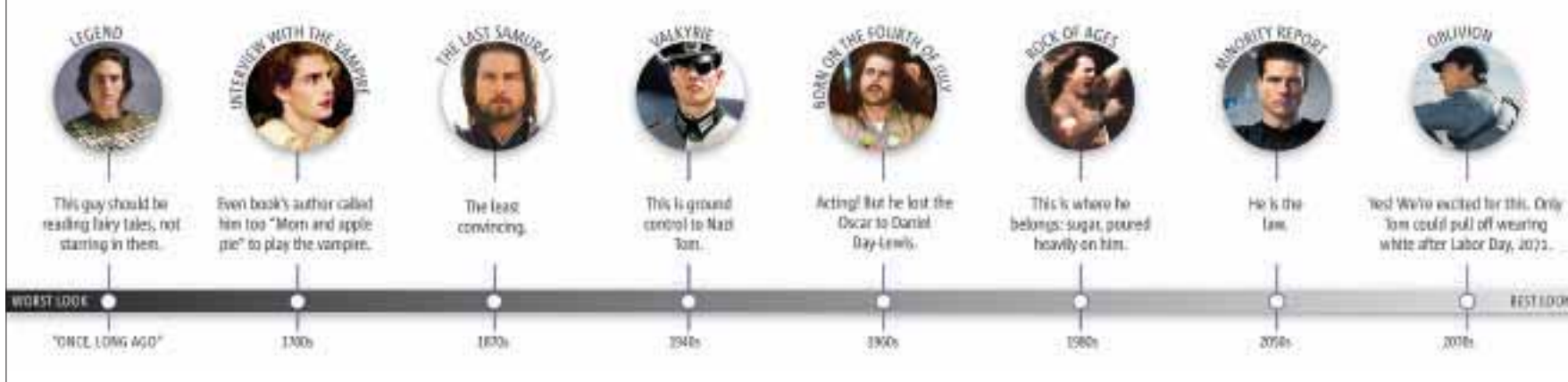


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## TOM CRUISE ROCKS THE AGES

The further back he goes, the more ridiculous he seems. Here's proof:



# Will Cruise's star fade into Oblivion?

## Sparkle and shine.

The last few years have shown even Tommy is fallible at the box office — so how will audiences receive his latest adventure?



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Metro World News in Hollywood

A year ago, Tom Cruise was riding a wave of good press with a comeback narrative in full swing. His franchise return *Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol* had reassured Hollywood that audiences still had an appetite for the star after something of a dry patch, eventually bringing in nearly \$700 million worldwide at the box office. And on top of that, he had two high-profile and buzzed-about roles ahead for 2012 — the hair metal musical *Rock of Ages* and the tough-guy crime thriller *Jack Reacher*.

But then *Rock of Ages* was met with withering reviews



Tom Cruise's film *Oblivion* opens in theatres next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

and disappointing box office numbers, and *Jack Reacher* underperformed, with neither film opening at No. 1 at the box office. Now, with Cruise's *Oblivion* set to launch — following an ad campaign relying heavily on the star's bankability

— Hollywood finds itself asking the same questions it did before the release of *Ghost Protocol*: Can Tom Cruise open a movie?

The last few years have suggested that the age of the movie star may be over, that audiences are no longer

swayed merely by the presence of a big name on the poster. In fact, until recently it seemed the only two stars left who could be counted on to open a movie — regardless of its content — were Will Smith and Adam Sandler. Smith's *Men*

in *Black 3* was indeed a blockbuster last year, but it was his first starring role in four years. And the generally review-proof Sandler's last two live-action outings, *Jack and Jill* and *That's My Boy*, were complete bombs. (It should be noted that *Hotel*

Transylvania, which featured Sandler's voice, was a hit.)

And so far, 2013 hasn't been very good to traditional movie stars, with major box office flops for *Expendables* stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Jason Statham. Bruce Willis' *A Good Day to Die Hard* fared a bit better, at least opening at No. 1, but in eight weeks of release it's still a long ways off from recouping its \$92 million budget. Even Brad Pitt, who is hoping June's *World War Z* will do well enough to launch a franchise, took a bath on last November's *Killing Them Softly*, which he both starred in and produced.

So if *Oblivion* doesn't do well, does that mean the Tom Cruise brand is officially in trouble? Not likely. As *Ghost Protocol* proved, the star has an uncanny ability to bounce back from both critical failures and tabloid talk. And with the more recent *Oblivion* trailers making the film look more interesting and enticing, maybe Cruise's latest go at saving the world will also save his career. Again.

## Crime



### Trance

Director. Danny Boyle

Stars. James McAvoy, Vincent Cassel, Rosario Dawson

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Director Danny Boyle's film about an amnesiac (James McAvoy) who sees a hypnotherapist (Rosario Dawson) to uncover his memories of a valuable, stolen painting brings together film noir, psychological drama and thrills in one twisty-turny story. This is stylish, disorienting filmmaking that disguises what's real and what isn't. Occasionally, however, it feels as though there are too many bends in the story. No spoilers here — but the old saying, "Buy the ticket, take the ride," applies.

RICHARD CROUSE

## Drama



### The Place Beyond the Pines

Director. Derek Cianfrance

Stars. Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes

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Cianfrance's backwoods grand opera traces a tragic event as it ripples over nearly 20 years. Gosling is extraordinary as a disturbed jittery drifter/bank robber who can charm a crying baby. Cooper appears an hour in for one brief, violent exchange with Gosling and the story becomes his. This 140-minute moral cat-and-mouse game is smart and intriguing, with a unique structure, a restrained, effective script and masterful direction, and top notch performances at every level. ANNE BRODIE

## Documentary



### Revolution

Director. Rob Stewart

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Saving the world is a lofty goal for a documentary, but that's not stopping Rob Stewart from trying with

*Revolution*. After championing the cause against shark finning in *Sharkwater*, Stewart realized that saving sharks was just the tip of the iceberg; ocean acidification would wipe out pretty much everything in the water unless we seriously alter our lifestyles. As altruistic as his cause is, as a film, *Revolution* is flimsy at best. The narrative, part travelogue, part nature film, is muddled. Stewart throws out facts like moral thunderbolts but does a poor job of summing his position. IAN GORMELY



# On the lam with Robert Redford

**The Company You Keep.** Actor talks Weather Underground and gets philosophical about searching for the truth in journalism

MATT PRIGGE  
Metro World News in New York

The *Company You Keep*, the ninth film Robert Redford has directed — and only the third he has starred in as well — concerns former members of the Weather Underground, the militant, and sometimes violent, anti-Vietnam War organization. A longtime Hollywood liberal, Redford has spoken of the film's political nature elsewhere. But today he discusses its other aspects.

"If you had to break it down in terms of which (theme) is more important, the one for my character is obvious: the love of his daughter," he explains.

When the Feds start round-

ing up ex-members responsible for a violent bank robbery, Redford's character, who's innocent of those charges, goes on the lam to clear his name.

"What happens when you're passionate and totally committed to something in your youth, and then that evaporates? You grow out of that position and you're still stuck because of the trap you created for yourself when you were young. What is the cost of that? (The film is) not about that event that took place in 1970. That's the kick-off. It's about their lives right now."

When journalists talk to Redford, inevitably *All the President's Men*, the 1976 film about the revelation of Watergate, comes up.

"That was not about Watergate. That was not about President Nixon," he maintains. "It was about those two guys and the work that they did. I wanted to put a light on something I didn't think many people knew about, which is: how do journalists work? How do they get a story?"

The film's portrait of journalism doesn't quite mesh



Robert Redford is a man trying to clear his name in *The Company You Keep*. HANDOUT

with today. "(Journalism has) changed so drastically, because of the democratization of information. Anyone can put something up. So now it's harder and harder to find what the truth is," he says, pointing out that there's less regulation of the press now. "The rules that

governed journalism when I was younger said you had to get two people to go on record before you could quote a source. That's gone. What took it away was the need to compete. You had to scoop. Sometimes you couldn't wait around to do the ethical thing. You had to jump

to get ahead of the next guy. It makes Watergate look like a piece of history. It can't come back."

Also inevitably, talking to Redford means trying to get scoops on his recent casting in the *Captain America* sequel. He announces, as he

## Quoted

"What happens when you're passionate and totally committed to something in your youth and then that evaporates?"

Robert Redford on the problems his character encounters in *The Company You Keep* for his association with Weather Underground

has elsewhere, that he's the head of S.H.I.E.L.D., and that he took the job only because he "wanted to do something different." He's more apt to talk about *All is Lost*, about a man trying to survive a giant storm in the Indian Ocean. That one is genuinely different: he's the only star and there's no dialogue. "It was really grueling. It was really hard, tough, physically challenging. But I really enjoyed it because I was putting myself out there." When asked if it's akin to *The Old Man and the Sea*, he laughs. "No, this is much more active. *Much* more active."

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# Ebert defended indefensible

**Reviewing his reviews.** A look at the more controversial selections from the former film critic

**MATT PRIGGE**  
Metro World News

## Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967)

One of the first things he did, as a fresh-faced 25-year-old, was do what all critics ought to do: stand up for a movie that no one liked and whose studio was doing its best to suppress. John Huston's film was an on-simmer survey of a Southern army base, populated by a closeted major (Marlon Brando) and his jilting wife (Elizabeth Taylor).

Ebert's review describes the hostile atmosphere at the screening and praised Brando's performance as his best in a period during which he failed.



## Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (1974)

Though it's today (mostly) acknowledged as one of Sam Peckinpah's masterpieces, his grimy, bad tequila-soaked, fly-ridden tale of a man (Warren Oates) who literally has to bring someone the head of a guy named Alfredo Garcia was once considered a legendary bomb.

Ebert was among the prescient, not to mention perceptive, calling it "some kind of bizarre masterpiece."



Roger Ebert was the most famous film critic in the world, but he was also a film critic, which is to say fallible.

For all the classics he praised right out of the gate, or the ones he collected in his ever-swelling canon of The Great Movies, he got some wrong, or simply added to the dogpile on films, like Ishtar or Heaven's Gate, that could

have used a powerful friend.

But it's easy — and smug — to admonish critics for missing the boat when one has 20/20 hindsight.

(And easier still to neglect that having a major player say Blue Velvet was crap actually enriched the discussion of the film by forcing its fans to better articulate their praises.)

But let's not dwell on his so-called failures, which ought not even to be called that.

In honour of his recent passing, let's look at several films that everyone — or almost everyone — either hated or treated with apathy except that guy at the Chicago Sun-Times who was on that show with the skinny guy.



## Saint Jack (1979)

Ebert was a staunch defender of the terrific Saint Jack, in which Ben Gazzara plays a Singapore pimp trying to eke by. At one point Gazzara pisses off local hoodlums, who tattoo his arms with vulgarities, which Ebert described as "a more diabolical and satisfactory form of gangland revenge than the concrete overcoat."

## The Cotton Club (1984)

Every film needs a defender, even the so-called indefensible, and for this Ebert was the man.

"It has the confidence and momentum of a movie where every shot was premeditated — and even if we know that wasn't the case, and this was one of the most troubled productions



in recent movie history, what difference does that make when the result is so entertaining?"



## Synecdoche, New York (2008)

Roger Ebert wasn't the only person to highly praise Charlie Kaufman's highly divisive directorial debut, but he was one of the few to almost put it on his all time top 10. He didn't but that's praise nonetheless.

## Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1984)

To Ebert, who wrote trash cinema himself, it was just part of the business of loving movies. He afforded masterpiece status to the third in George Miller's Mad Max series, claiming that Thunderdome, the centerpiece arena, "is the



first really original movie idea about how to stage a fight since we got the first karate movies."



## Dark City (1998)

No one else of note had spoken of it as highly as Ebert did, and the film bombed, but he stuck by his guns, affording it a second, even third life. Ebert even recorded a commentary track for the DVD and would tour around with it for special screenings.



## Femme Fatale (2002)

At the time it was slammed by the majority of publications and bombed.

Ebert was blunt about it.

"This is pure film-making, elegant and slippery. I haven't had as much fun second-guessing a movie since Mulholland Drive."

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# Come on! Top 5 recurring jokes on Arrested Development

**TV.** Fan sites dedicated to Arrested Development have catalogued dozens of beloved recurring jokes, so coming up with a short list isn't easy. But here are five of the most memorable jokes that have popped up repeatedly and may re-emerge for season four, on Netflix starting May 26.

## "Come on!"

It's mostly Gob's catchphrase but several characters have enthusiastically barked out the famous one-liner throughout the series in a pique of frustration.

## "I've made a huge mistake"

Another line that's repeatedly uttered by Gob but is borrowed by other characters. The recurring gag is made funnier when Gob says to Michael in an episode, "I've never admitted to a mistake."



## Chicken taunts

It's a family tradition to taunt and mock a fellow Bluth by clucking and dancing like a chicken in their face. Nearly everyone in the family has been seen doing it, with their own personal style, although none do it very well. "Has anyone in this family even seen a chicken?" says Michael Bluth, played by Jason Bateman, in one episode.

## Never nude

Seasons one and two are littered with references to the affliction suffered by Tobias Funke, played by David Cross, who can't bring himself to be naked.

## Next time/Previously on Arrested Development

Some of the funniest quick laughs come during the "Previously on" and "Next time on" segments that bookend episodes — and are typically filled with non sequiturs that completely stray from the show's real storylines.

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Beyoncé and Jay-Z on a recent trip to Cuba. RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Jay-Z addresses his critics

**New song.** Rapper pens Open Letter after his recent trip to communist country comes under fire

Jay-Z is defending his recent trip to Cuba in a new song. He released Open Letter

Thursday after two Florida Republican lawmakers questioned if his visit to Havana with wife Beyoncé was officially licensed.

On the song, Jay-Z raps about his distaste for politicians and says, "Want to give me jail time and a fine, let me commit a real crime."

U.S. Treasury officials said Tuesday the couple's trip was licensed as an educational ex-

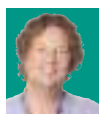
change.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are avid supporters of President Barack Obama. Jay-Z raps in his song, "Obama said, 'Chill, you gon' get me impeached, you don't need this (expletive) anyway, chill with me on the beach.'"

U.S. citizens are not allowed to travel to Cuba for mere tourism.

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## The next big thing



**SOUND CHECK**  
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You may not have heard of any of these bands yet, but if they keep up work like this, you will



### Escape/ Nightmare Air

The buzz on these people was deafening and it's only going to get louder now that their debut record, High in the Lasers, is out. Long live noise rock!

### Paper Girl/ July Talk

People who saw this young Canadian band at Canadian Music Week are still raving about them. Tom Waits would be extremely proud.



### Blue Collar Jane/The Strypes

The average age of this Irish band is 15-years-old. You will be hearing more about them this year, especially since they have the official Dave Grohl seal of approval.

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Rihanna and Chris Brown. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Couple of the year shockingly having relationship trouble

Reports that Rihanna and Chris Brown have broken up might not exactly be accurate, but that doesn't mean the couple is happy, according to *Us Weekly*.

A source tells the magazine that while the pair hasn't actually split up, they are fighting all the time.

"Every second it's a blow-up and then full-on in love," the source says. "She's tour-

ing and working her ass off, and he's working his off in the studio," and those busy schedules are adding to the stress.

Rihanna is even using work to vent some of her frustrations, asking an audience at an L.A. concert this week, "How many of you are in love? How many of you hate love? ... I'm in that group. The confused group."



Jennifer Garner

## Garner putting the pants back on in her relationship

It's Jennifer Garner's turn to go to work, which means husband Ben Affleck will be staying home with the kids, the *Argo* director reveals, according to *Us Weekly*.

"She's got a couple of movies coming up. There's

going to be a little Mr. Mom action and I'm going to get back in the ring," Affleck says.

"She told me to go to the gym. I'm preparing myself. I'm going to take on some more of the burden."

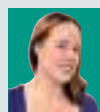
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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Kristen Stewart crashes a little kid's party—sort of



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Look. I know the members of Hanson are old and they have, like, 23 kids between them (even the baby drummer has procreated—twice).

I've interviewed them several times and the voice on the other end wasn't prepubescent (they are also supersensitive to people thinking they are teenagers, something I learned the hard way when I squealed, "You are so grown up!" to them.)

I've even listened to their later albums. What I'm saying is: I know they are old and capable of partying.

But when I read on *E!* News that Kristen Stewart

decided to celebrate her 23rd birthday by crashing a record release party for the band at L.A. nightspot No Vacancy, my first thought was, "What is KStew doing with a bunch of eight-year-olds?"

Apparently, if you broke out as a little person, I will always consider you a little person (don't get me started on Lil' Bow Wow.)

Anyway, according to *E!*, the birthday girl arrived around 11 p.m. with Robert Pattinson and about 10 friends in tow, though it was unclear if they knew ahead of time about the band's party.

"They weren't overly affectionate or anything, but at points they were standing together as they talked to friends," a source says of Stewart and Pattinson.

And then Hanson played pin-the-tail on the donkey, ate confetti cake and all three had temper tantrums when they were told it was bedtime. I'm so sorry, Hanson. Next interview we do together, impress me with your 401K plan and maybe I'll wrap my head around the fact of your aging.



Madonna

## Madonna feud heating up

Madonna's ongoing feud with Malawi President Joyce Banda isn't getting any better, with Banda now blasting the singer for reportedly demanding expedited travel privileges for herself and her entourage for a recent visit to the country, according to Yahoo! News.

"Granted, Madonna

is a famed international musician," Banda says in a statement. "But that does not impose an injunction of obligation on any government under whose territory Madonna finds herself, including Malawi, to give her state treatment. Such treatment, even if she deserved it, is discretionary."



Ryan Seacrest

## Seacrest swats away prank

Ryan Seacrest is the latest celebrity to fall victim to swatting, a prank in which a phoney 911 call comes in triggering a SWAT team response to the star's home, according to *E!* News.

"A caller reported that a group of armed men was trying to break into Mr. Ryan Seacrest's residence," the Beverly Hills Police Depart-

ment statement reads. "Upon arrival, officers made contact with private security at the residence and were told there was no trouble. Officers also contacted Mr. Seacrest and he also confirmed that everything was OK."

Selena Gomez and Justin Timberlake were each targeted by a swatting prank last week as well.

### Twitter



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## The wrap on Pinot grigio



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Much like a human union, when it comes to food and wine, the bride often comes with an entourage that can't be ignored.

Big holiday meals are a classic example. Though the turkey might be the star of the show, every side dish puts its two cents worth into how successful the outcome of the liquid pairing will be.

Wraps create an everyday conundrum. They're sort of like an elaborate meal rolled into one conveniently edible package.

This week's lead recipe combines smoked salmon (that works with many wines, from a pinot noir red to a white, german off-dry riesling), creamy avocado (a chardonnay fan) and capers (which prefer a rosé).

The trick is to find a harmonious middle ground, and with this dish, all roads lead to pinot grigio. Typically a light, lean, easy-going style of white wine, it meets many ingredients

halfway. With its subtle honeyed flavour and citrusy backbone, Mezza-corona's 2012 Pinot Grigio (\$11.95 to \$15.99) has a bit more heft than the average PG, making it a versatile wrap wine.

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**Smoked Salmon, Cheese, Avocado and Caper Wrap.** Looking for a light lunch idea? Try this refreshing combination with a unique cheese twist



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My version of a lox and cream cheese sandwich has fewer calories, less fat, and more interesting and tasty ingredients! The light ricotta and cream cheese combination is the key substitute for regular cream cheese.

1. Purée the ricotta, cream cheese, goat cheese, mayon-

### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup smooth light ricotta
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese
- 1/3 cup goat cheese
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large tortillas (preferably whole wheat)
- 4 pieces leafy lettuce
- 4 oz smoked salmon, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1 tbsp capers



This recipe serves eight. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

naise, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and pepper in a small food processor, or with a hand beater, until smooth.

2. Divide the cheese mixture among the tortillas, spreading it to 1/4 inch from the edges. Place the lettuce over-

3. Scatter the salmon, onion, avocado and capers over the lettuce. Roll the bottom of each tortilla up and over the filling, fold in the sides and roll the tortilla up tightly. Cut in half before serving.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

### Nutritional analysis

Per serving: 124 calories; 7 g protein; 6.1 g fat; 2.1 g saturated fat; 14 g carbohydrates; 12 mg cholesterol; 324 mg sodium; 1.8 g fibre

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### Chantal for charity

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### Thriller, thriller night

The Michael Jackson HISTORY show hits the MTS Centre on Saturday and it's gonna be a Thriller. The musical biography showcases the pop legend's life and career from the Jackson Five era until his death in 2011. Kenny Wizz, touted as the World's Number One Live Michael Jackson Tribute Artist, will bring more than 20 of MJ's songs back to life for this one-night tribute to the King of Pop. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets will run you \$79.25 to \$99.75 at ticketmaster.ca.



### A night of film, music and laughs

Musician Shaden Garrett releases Tender Wild Animal: The Movie at the Park Theatre, 698 Osborne St., on Friday at 8 p.m. The 13-minute futuristic dystopia is a mix of sci-fi, action adventure, comedy, romance and musical performance. This event is more than just a movie screening, as Garrett and a handful of other musicians — including Jeremy Fisher, Second Hand Pants, and Feed the Birds — will hit the stage. Comedian Aisha Alfa will host. Tickets are \$20 at the door or at ticketbreak.com.



### Missing Aida would be tragic

The Manitoba Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's Aida on April 13, 16 and 19 at Centennial Concert Hall. One of the most-performed operas worldwide, Aida is a tragic love story set in ancient Egypt that centres on Aida, an Ethiopian slave, and Radamès, captain of the Egyptian guard. The three-hour production is an impassioned story about forbidden and unstoppable love. Tickets run between \$42 to \$130, with discounts offered for students and seniors. Check out manitobaopera.mb.ca.



### Yuk it up at Comedy Fest

The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre presents Other People's Money on Thursday night. Written by Jerry Sterner, this play is about Larry "The Liquidator," a corporate raider who buys up small companies and sells off the assets for profit. Larry meets his match when he tries to pull his greedy shenanigans on the New England Wire & Cable company, run by Andrew "Jorgy" Jorgenson. If the story sounds familiar, that's because the play was adapted into a film starring Danny DeVito in 1991. Check out mtc.mb.ca for show times.



### We need to talk about KevinFest

Let Kids in the Hall funnyman Kevin McDonald share some of his favourite films with you this weekend at Cinematheque. In conjunction with the Winnipeg Comedy Festival, McDonald and Cinematheque present The Kevin Film Fest. McDonald has selected his personal favourite comedies and prepared special introductions for each of them. Friday is Lost in America, Saturday is Local Hero, and Sunday wraps with The Lady Eve. Each show starts at 7 p.m. Check out winnipegfilmgroup.com.



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The Game Of Thrones beer is here just in time for season three of the HBO series. Staff at Metro New York got a sample — here's their take.

**Marketing description**  
“With a Lannister currently on the throne, it made sense to do a delicate, but piercing Golden Blonde Ale with Noble hops. Iron Throne is certainly fair in color and soft in ap-

pearance, yet it still possesses a complexity and bite to be on guard for.”

**Metro staff description**  
This beer is as “velvety as the royal capes in Game of Thrones” and even got props from one non-beer drinker noting they can “actually drink this without cringing.”



Some thought the partnership with HBO was “weird” but the “tasty” blonde ale is “crisp” and “like a girl beer a guy won’t be embarrassed to drink.” Although one did wonder, “Is this just Blue Moon in a fancy bottle?” **METRO**



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Winnipeg Jets defenceman Dustin Byfuglien salutes fans after scoring against the Florida Panthers at the MTS Centre on Thursday night. The Jets won 7-2.  
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# Jets flying high with third straight win

**NHL.** Kane scores twice in rout of the Panthers to help Winnipeg pull even with New York Rangers for 8th place

It wasn't by their coach's book but Evander Kane scored two goals as the Winnipeg Jets out-gunned the Florida Panthers 7-2 on Thursday for their third straight win.

Aaron Gagnon, Andrew Ladd, Grant Clitsome, Dustin Byfuglien and Chris Thorburn also scored for Winnipeg (21-19-2). The Jets are now tied with the New York Rangers for eighth place in the Eastern Conference. However, New

York has two games in hand.

The Washington Capitals lead the Southeast Division with 46 points and a game in hand over Winnipeg.

Both Washington and the Rangers were idle on Thursday.

The Jets, who have had the most success with a patient, controlled game, took a 3-2 lead after a wild first period with four goals scored by both teams in a span of less than three minutes.

T.J. Brennan and Tomas Fleischmann scored for the Panthers (13-21-6), who remain in the Eastern Conference cellar.

Gagnon got things started with his second career NHL goal. He was parked in front

On Thursday

7

Jets

2

Panthers

of the net and deflected Blake Wheeler's shot from the point at 3:54 past Jacob Markstrom.

Less than a minute later though, Brennan deflected one past Winnipeg goaltender Ondrej Pavelec to even things up.

Kane waited a whole 18 seconds to tip a slow-motion puck past a sprawling Markstrom to put the Jets ahead

again, but Fleischmann scored less than a minute and a half later with a wrist shot that slipped under Pavelec's leg.

Winnipeg coach Claude Noel then called a timeout to try and settle things down and it seemed to work.

Ladd put the Jets back in front with a 3-2 lead at the 12:42 mark of the first. Winnipeg outshot the Panthers 17-9 in the opening 20 minutes of play.

The Jets pulled away in the second period by tallying three more times, which included Kane's second of the night when he dashed in behind the sprawling goaltender to slip one into an empty net. The Jets added another in the final frame. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

## Caps continue tear by ripping through Canes

The Washington Capitals finished off a month's worth of role reversal Thursday night, winning their sixth straight and extending the Carolina Hurricanes' losing streak to seven with a 3-1 victory.

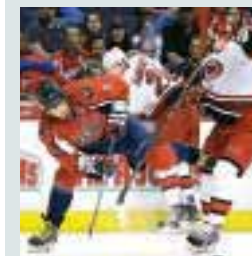
Troy Brouwer and Mike Green scored second-period goals, Brouwer added an empty-netter and Braden Holtby made 43 saves for the Southeast Division leaders almost one month to the day after their playoff hopes appeared buried following a shutout loss to the then-surging Hurricanes.

Jeff Skinner scored in the first period, and Justin Peters had 28 stops for the Hurricanes, who now trail the Capitals by 12 points — an incredible 22-point swing from March 12, when Carolina beat Washington 4-0 at the Verizon Center.

It went from bad to worse for Washington, albeit temporarily, two days later when the Hurricanes took a 2-0 lead in a rematch in Raleigh.

But the Capitals rallied for a 3-2 win and have been nearly indestructible since. The victory started a 12-3-1 surge for Washington, while the loss kicked off a 1-13-1 dive for injury-depleted Carolina, the two teams passing each other in opposite directions at whiplash speed.

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The Capitals' Alex Ovechkin, left, fights for the puck with Hurricanes Bobby Sanquetti and Alexander Semin on Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sergio Garcia tees off on the 17th hole at the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Garcia shared the lead with Marc Leishman after shooting a 66 on Day 1. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

# Garcia enjoys lead at Masters 'while it lasts'

**Golf.** Spaniard shares top spot with Leishman after opening with 66

Sergio Garcia is still chasing that first major title.

It never figured to come at Augusta National.

But there he was Thursday, after a bogey-free opening round, sharing the top spot on the leaderboard at the Masters.

"Obviously, this is not my most favourite place," Garcia said, trying to be diplomatic. "But we try to enjoy it as much as we can every time we come here. Sometimes it comes out better than others. Today was one of those good days. Let's enjoy it while it lasts."

Garcia's 6-under 66 tied him with Aussie Marc Leishman on a cloudy day that was made for going low. The Spaniard took advantage, rekindling memories of the teen phenom who

seemed certain to win numerous major titles after he battled with Tiger Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship, losing by a single stroke.

Garcia has challenged in other majors, but rarely at the Masters — a course that doesn't seem to fit his style or shaky putter. In 14 appearances at Augusta National, he has finished in the top 10 only twice.

This year, Woods is still the favourite after opening with a 70. But it appears he'll have a lot of competition.

"I felt like I putted well today," said Woods, whose only lower opening-round score at Augusta was a 68 in 2010. "We've got a long way to go.... The golf course is going to change dramatically. You've just got to make adjustments."

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## Quoted



"Today was a nice day, one of those days you really enjoy. Hopefully, I'll have three more of those and we'll see what happens on Sunday night."

Sergio Garcia

## Canada's Sports HOF

### Sakic leads new class of inductees

Hockey Hall of Famer and two-time Stanley Cup champion Joe Sakic headlines this year's list of inductees into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Sakic, who had 1,641 career regular-season points over 20 seasons in the NHL, won league championships with the Colorado Avalanche in 1996 and 2001. He also won titles at the Winter Olympics, world hockey championship, World Cup of

Hockey, world junior championships and Memorial Cup.

Others named in the athlete category on Thursday include cyclist Alison Sydor, curler Russ Howard and Paralympian Andre Viger. Former Canadian Amateur Hockey Association president Murray Costello and sport development architect Dr. Jean-Guy Ouellet will be inducted as builders. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Joe Sakic  
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## MLB. Severed goat's head left outside Wrigley Field

The Chicago Cubs found a severed goat's head at Wrigley Field on Wednesday, and they're treating the reference to a longtime curse as a crime.

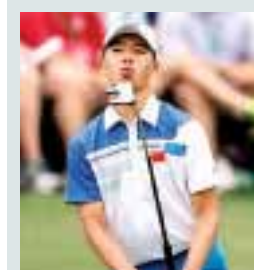
Chicago police were called in to investigate after a man stopped the white van he was driving, walked a box to a security entrance on Waveland Avenue and put it down, Cubs spokesman Julian Green said. In 1945, a tavern owner named William "Billy Goat" Sianis

## Quoted

"Obviously, it's just an unfortunate fan doing something pretty stupid."

Cubs manager Dale Sveum

tried to bring a goat to a World Series game, but was told his goat — which had a ticket — smelled too much to be admitted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



14-year-old Guan Tianlang  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## You Can Play. NHL stands up against homophobia

The NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association have partnered with the You Can Play Project, an advocacy organization fighting homophobia in sports.

The You Can Play Project was founded by Philadelphia Flyers scout Patrick Burke in March 2012 in memory of Brendan Burke, Patrick's younger brother and the son of former NHL GM Brian Burke.

You Can Play will conduct

seminars for NHL rookies and make resources and personnel available to individual teams as desired.

"The NHL is inclusive. If you're a player, if you're a coach, if you're a media member, if you're management or if you're a fan it's now set in stone, signed and sealed by the lawyers, that the NHL and the NHL players want to include you," said Patrick Burke.

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# Can the UFC save wrestling from Olympic extinction?

**2020 Games.** Sport official appeals to MMA experts for advice on gaining fan support

UFC chief executive Dana White helped turn mixed martial arts into a wildly lucrative industry by engaging fans and embracing show business.

Facing Olympic extinction, wrestling is now listening to its flashy cousin.

Bill Scherr, the chairman of the U.S.-based Committee to Preserve Olympic Wrestling, wrote an essay last week titled "A Shout Out to the UFC!" that signalled something of a seismic shift in the thinking among top wrestling officials.

Wrestling, with its roots in antiquity, trudged along for decades while mixed martial arts soared in popularity. But Scherr, a past world champion and successful businessman,



Dana White, who has turned the UFC into a billion-dollar franchise, says wrestling needs to be more "fan friendly." DAVID MCNEW/GETTY IMAGES

argued that wrestling — which the IOC recently recommended be axed from the Olympics starting in 2020 — has a lot to learn from the path MMA promotion companies took to success.

"They have vibrant tele-

vision markets and audiences. They have great fan interest from a grass roots level. They have a very strong presence with all forms of digital media, including Facebook, websites and Twitter," Scherr said.

It makes sense for wrestling

to seek help from mixed martial arts. The two sports have been intertwined since the Octagon was conceived.

Former collegiate and international wrestlers such as Randy Couture, Chuck Liddell, Dan Henderson, Chael Sonnen and Jon Jones have provided mixed martial arts with combat-ready athletes who used their skills honed on the mats to blossom into stars. Bellator CEO Bjorn Rebney called wrestling the "single most important feeder system" for mixed martial arts.

But while the UFC and Bellator are raking in revenue, wrestling has been forced to re-examine itself or face dire consequences.

"When we heard it was being yanked from the Olympics, I said, 'It needs to be more fan friendly. It needs to be more exciting,'" White said.

Wrestling officials have reached out to White, Rebney and others to figure out how to get there. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Chan on top in Japan

Patrick Chan competes in the men's short program during Day 1 of the ISU World Team Trophy Thursday in Tokyo. The three-time world champion led after the opening day, finishing with a score of 86.67 points despite an early fall. ATSUSHI TOMURA/GETTY IMAGES

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#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	57	21	.731	—
y-San Antonio	57	21	.731	—
x-Denver	54	24	.692	3
y-L.A. Clippers	52	26	.667	5
x-Memphis	53	25	.679	4
x-Golden State	45	33	.577	12
x-Houston	44	34	.564	13
L.A. Lakers	42	37	.532	15 1/2
Utah	41	38	.519	16 1/2
Dallas	38	40	.487	19
Portland	33	45	.423	24
Minnesota	29	49	.372	28
Sacramento	28	50	.359	29
New Orleans	27	52	.342	30 1/2
Phoenix	24	55	.304	33 1/2

x — clinched playoff berth y — clinched division z — clinched conference

#### THURSDAY'S RESULTS

New York at Chicago  
Oklahoma City at Golden State  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**  
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.  
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

### NHL

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
y-Pittsburgh	41	31	10	0	0	138	101	62
x-Montreal	40	26	9	3	2	127	95	57
Washington	41	22	17	2	0	123	113	46
Boston	40	26	10	2	2	114	87	56
Toronto	40	22	13	0	5	123	112	49
Ottawa	40	20	14	2	4	99	89	46
NY Islanders	41	21	16	3	1	119	121	46
NY Rangers	40	20	16	0	4	99	96	44
Winnipeg	41	20	19	0	2	102	121	42
New Jersey	40	15	15	3	7	96	111	40
Buffalo	41	16	19	2	4	107	127	38
Philadelphia	40	17	20	1	2	108	125	37
Tampa Bay	40	17	21	0	2	127	122	36
Carolina	40	16	22	1	1	103	129	34
Florida	39	13	20	5	1	96	132	32

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
x-Chicago	39	30	5	0	4	129	83	62
Anaheim	41	27	9	2	3	124	103	59
Vancouver	40	23	11	1	5	109	96	52
Los Angeles	40	22	14	1	3	115	101	48
San Jose	39	20	12	3	4	98	98	47
St. Louis	38	22	14	1	1	107	98	46
Minnesota	39	22	15	1	1	103	98	46
Detroit	39	19	15	3	2	99	101	43
Phoenix	40	18	16	2	4	108	107	42
Dallas	39	17	17	2	1	109	118	41
Columbus	40	17	16	3	4	95	104	41
Edmonton	40	16	17	4	3	102	111	39
Nashville	41	15	18	2	6	96	110	38
Calgary	39	14	21	1	3	103	138	32
Colorado	40	13	22	4	1	94	125	31

x — clinched playoff berth y — clinched division

#### THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 3 Philadelphia 1  
NY Islanders 2 Boston 1  
Washington 3 Carolina 1  
Montreal 5 Buffalo 1  
Pittsburgh 6 Tampa Bay 3  
San Jose at Detroit  
St. Louis at Minnesota  
Florida at Winnipeg  
Colorado at Los Angeles  
**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**  
NY Rangers 3 Toronto 2 (SO)  
Boston 5 New Jersey 4  
Phoenix 3 Edmonton 1  
Vancouver 4 Calgary 1  
Colorado 4 Anaheim 1  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**  
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.

### MLB

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION					W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	3	.625	—	5	3	.625	—
Baltimore	4	4	.500	1	4	4	.500	1
New York	4	4	.500	1	4	4	.500	1
Tampa Bay	4	5	.444	1 1/2	4	5	.444	1 1/2
Toronto	3	6	.333	2 1/2	3	6	.333	2 1/2
CENTRAL DIVISION					W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	6	3	.667	—	6	3	.667	—
Detroit	5	4	.556	1	5	4	.556	1
Chicago	4	4	.500	1 1/2	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Minnesota	4	5	.444	2	4	5	.444	2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	2 1/2	3	5	.375	2 1/2
WEST DIVISION					W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	7	2	.778	—	7	2	.778	—
Texas	6	3	.667	1	6	3	.667	1
Seattle	4	6	.400	3 1/2	4	6	.400	3 1/2
Houston	3	6	.333	4	3	6	.333	4
Los Angeles	2	6	.250	4 1/2	2	6	.250	4 1/2

#### THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 11 Toronto 1  
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland  
Baltimore at Boston  
Oakland at L.A. Angels  
Texas at Seattle  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern**  
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 0-0) at Cleveland (Masterson 2-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Gonzalez 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1), 7:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-0) at Boston (Doubtrout 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Niese 1-0) at Minnesota (Worley 0-1), 8:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Happ 1-0) at Kansas City (Mendoza 0-0), 8:10 p.m.  
Detroit (Scherer 1-0) at Oakland (Colon 1-0), 10:05 p.m.  
Houston (Norris 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.  
Texas (Darvish 2-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**THURSDAY'S RESULTS**  
San Francisco 7 Chicago Cubs 6  
Chicago White Sox at Washington  
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern**  
San Francisco (Cain 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 0-0), 2:20 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Leake 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 0-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Teheran 0-0) at Washington (Detwiler 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Lannan 0-0) at Miami (Nolasco 0-1), 7:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Lohse 0-0) at St. Louis (Miller 1-0), 8:15 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-0) at Arizona (Corbin 1-0), 9:40 p.m.  
Colorado (Garland 1-0) at San Diego (Ross 0-1), 10:10 p.m.



# Tigers jump all over Blue Jays starter Johnson

**MLB.** New Toronto pitcher surrenders six runs in the shortest start of his career

Josh Johnson put his team in another tough spot with one of the worst outings of his career.

The Toronto right-hander was knocked out of the game in the second inning Thursday — the latest poor start by a Blue Jays pitcher — and the Detroit Tigers rolled to an 11-1 win at chilly Comerica Park.

Miguel Cabrera tripled, scored twice and even stole a base for the Tigers, and Doug Fister (2-0) allowed a run and eight hits in eight innings.

**On Thursday**

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Blue Jays

Johnson (0-1) allowed six runs and seven hits in 1 1/3 innings — the shortest start of his career.

"I haven't thrown a slider for a strike yet, and I need that pitch. When I'm throwing it for strikes, it is something that the hitters have to think about, but this is two starts now, and it hasn't happened," Johnson said. "I didn't have

anything today."

Prince Fielder had four RBIs and Torii Hunter added three for the Tigers.

The temperature at game time was 2 C, the coldest for a Detroit home game since 1996, according to STATS.

"It certainly was uncomfortable pitching out there today, but look what the other guy did," Johnson said.

The Blue Jays have not lived up to early expectations because of poor pitching. Their starters are now 1-4 with a 7.59 ERA.

Toronto has lost three straight series to start the year for the first time since 1978. The Blue Jays lost four straight series to start that season.

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Toronto Blue Jays starter Josh Johnson gave up six runs in 1 1/3 innings against the Detroit Tigers on Thursday in Detroit. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

If someone questions your motives or authority today, you must make it clear to them that you are the boss and you will do as you please. Say it nicely, of course, but make sure they know that you mean it.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Certain people seem to believe you exist solely to look out for their interests. Now is the time to remind them you have needs of your own and that they must come first — always.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may want to explain your actions to loved ones, though chances are they won't understand so why waste the time. Do what you have to do and let them figure it out.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What is the one thing you desire above all? Is there a chance you will get it soon? If not, don't give up. Make your plans then take a step in the right direction and keep going.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets will have you rushing around in all directions today. One moment you'll be going this way, the next you'll be going that way, and half an hour later it will be all change again. Time for a vacation.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Why have you allowed your fears to get the better of you? Whatever your problems, you are exaggerating them to such an extent that it is stopping you from taking action. Believe that things will get better.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It's not like you to get upset over trivial things but you have allowed minor everyday matters to get under your skin. Don't worry, over the weekend you'll find reasons to smile.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What is destined to happen will happen. The sooner you accept that, the sooner you can start turning events to your advantage. Don't dread the future, welcome it.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Pluto begins one of its retrograde phases today, which warns of confusion in your dealings with powerful people. It may seem as if they are being unreasonable but be patient. Everything will be OK.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Whatever you decide to do today, someone is sure to be unhappy about it. But that must not stop you from taking whatever action you think is correct. Remember: You cannot please everyone.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will clash with someone whose way of looking at the world is very different from your own, on the surface at least. Dig a little deeper and you may find you are alike.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

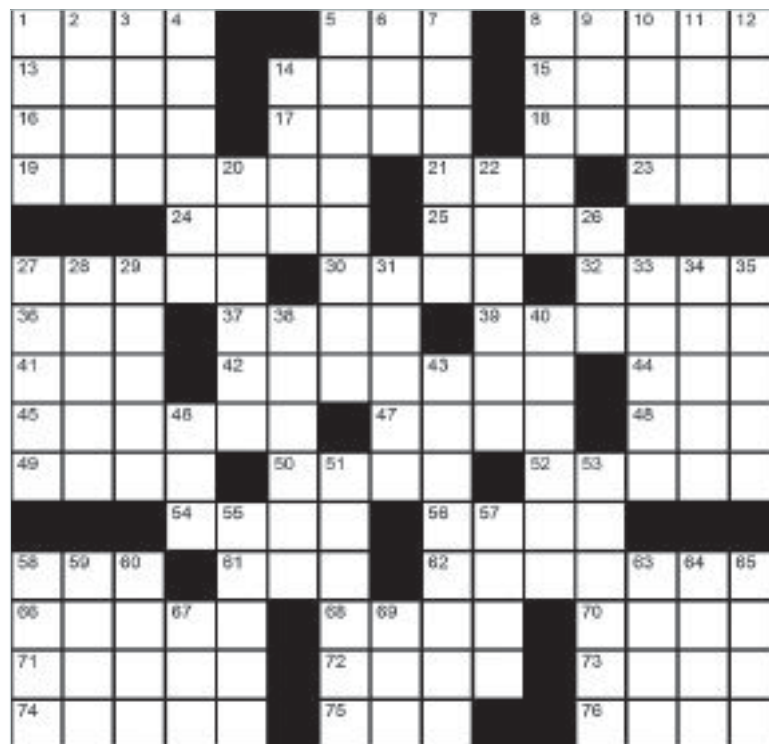
A friend will do something today that you find hard to understand. It may seem as if they are acting irresponsibly but you could also be expecting too much.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Crack
5. Actor Matthew
8. The Apprenticeship of \_\_\_ Kravitz (1959 novel by #43-Down)
13. Commotion
14. "Dig a \_\_\_" by The Beatles
15. Gorge village of Southwestern Ontario
16. \_\_\_-doers
17. \_\_\_ Sea (body of water in Central Asia)
18. Type of vision correction surgery
19. French artist, Henri \_\_\_ (b.1869 - d.1954)
21. "\_\_\_ la la!"
23. Mini-albums, for short
24. Hershey's product, for short
25. Jaunt
27. Lion \_\_\_ (Circus performer)
30. Each: 2 wds.
32. Authentic
36. Tip to 'maniac'
37. Bear in Space
39. Up more
41. Jeff Lynne's gr.
42. Gary \_\_\_ (NHL Commissioner)
44. 'Emp' ending
45. 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother \_\_\_
47. Pros and whats?
48. Li'l digits
49. Shoe part
50. Comedian/ac-tor Jay



52. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. In \_\_\_ of (Re-placing)
56. Chop the veggies
58. Greece neighbor [abbr.]
61. Museum stuff
62. Competitor
66. Kingdom

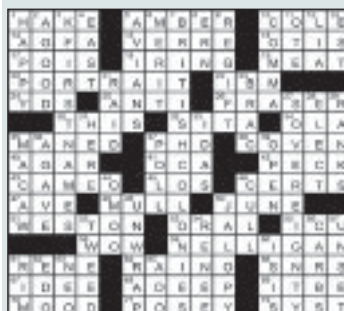
68. Be without
70. Close by
71. Barbecue item, Shish \_\_\_ [var. sp.]
72. Unfortunately
73. River in Normandy
74. Timetables, slangly-spelled
75. Nintendo game

- console
  76. We, in West-mount
- Down**
1. Bloom's balancer
  2. \_\_\_ Scotia
  3. Mine passage
  4. OPP part
  5. Weather outlook

6. "Snakes \_\_\_ Plane" (2006): 2 wds.
7. Coldplay album: 'Mylo \_\_\_'
8. Capital of India, New \_\_\_
9. 'Spat' suffix (Pancakes flipper)
10. Doctor's amount

11. Mr. Boring
12. Shaggy creatures of Tibet
14. Ballroom dance, with Doble
20. Garden items
22. Sci-Fi series starring Regina-born actress Tatiana Maslany, "\_\_\_ Black"
26. Clothesline clasp
27. Zipper bits
28. With much merriment
29. Singer/actress Mandy
31. Quilt's one-of-some
33. Dinnerware (Popular wedding gift)
34. Wading\*bird
35. Hair lock
38. Kitchen gadget to get the juice out
40. Bug
43. Author Richler
46. Kay's follower
51. Wanted Poster person
53. City in British Columbia
55. Poetic feet
57. Signs a contract, colloquially
58. Bible-style boats
59. Soup vegetable
60. Pig in the movies
63. Nestle treat
64. Mork's greeting, when doubled
65. Uno + dos = ?
67. Fellow
69. Actress Ms. Larter

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



## Weather

### TODAY



MAX: 1°  
MIN: -5°

### SATURDAY



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MIN: -3°

### SUNDAY



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MIN: -3°



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